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News in brief

3 Romulus women inducted into sorority

Nineteen students from western Wayne County were inducted into the Henry Ford Community College Alpha Xi Mu Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at a recent ceremony on the main college campus.

Romulus residents Carolyn Cotton, Rhoda Edje, and Karen Schneider joined 16 other women at the ceremony.

Phi Theta Kappa is an honor society that recognizes college women for academic achievement. College Honors Program Director Nabeel Abraham encouraged the inductees and their families to involve themselves with the important things in life instead of the superficial things that most Americans value today.

"Think about the things in life that appear to go unnoticed and unmentioned as truly realizable and worthwhile goals like health, sound marriages, warm and trusting social relations, healthy children, which have always led to happiness," he said.

To be eligible for membership, students must have at least a 3.25 grade point average and have at least 12 hours of course work completed toward an associate degree.

Leading the induction ceremony were Rodney Longley, Alpha Xi Mu president; Vice President Alyssa Pinson; Treasurer Samantha Nickischer; Secretary Syeda Jafri and Historian Leah Saad.

Romulus native selected for doctoral scholarship program

Central Michigan University (CMU) junior Charmane Thurmand of Romulus has been selected as a 2008 McNair Scholar. Thurmand is one of 11 CMU undergraduate students selected for the program this year.

Thurmand is a graduate of John Glenn High School and is majoring in biomedical sciences with a minor in chemistry. She is the daughter of Tyrone and Charlien Thurmand of Detroit.

Each year, CMU selects a handful of students to participate in the program, which helps prepare students for entry into graduate school, including training for the Graduate Record Examination and graduate school admission fees for most universities are waived.

Scholars conduct original research under the guidance of a faculty member and receive training in writing, communication and graduate school preparation. They also are provided with a summer living allowance, a research stipend, and travel reimbursement for conferences and school visits.

The McNair Scholars Program was created by the United States Congress in 1986 and is federally funded through the U.S. Department of Education in memory of Dr. Ronald E. McNair, a physicist who perished on the space shuttle Challenger. The program, which has been offered at CMU since 1999, serves low-income, first-generation college students and students considered underrepresented in graduate education.

On their way

The Romulus Lady Eagles celebrated last week, winning their second straight Class A District Championship on Friday. Romulus beat the John Glenn Lady Rockets, 52-39, at host Wayne Memorial High School. For the complete story, go to page 7. Photo by Jeff Novak

Schools weigh in on airport plan

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Romulus schools would be "devastated" by a 20-year airport expansion plan that could possibly eliminate not one, but two schools.

School Board Trustee Tom Kuderik joined a group of angry residents at the Romulus City Council meeting Monday night to explain how the plan would hurt the district.

Two weeks ago, officials in the city said Merriman school would be demolished under a proposed airport expansion project.

"Now we're hearing that it might not just be Merriman school, but Halecreek as well," said Kuderik. "We were never given any information about this from the airport – we had to find out from a newspaper article. This – if it happens – would devastate our district, and the community."

> *If the families are moved to another area of the city, or if they move to another city altogether, they will be gone, and we'll have no reason to have any new schools.*
>
> **Tom Kuderik**

The three-phase Wayne County Airport Authority master plan outlines an expansion that would take until 2027 to complete. The airport undertook the plan in 2006 in accordance with Federal Aviation Administration rules and to devise a plan to meet what airport officials believe will be increased use by business and leisure travelers in the next two decades.

City estimates indicate that about $1.7 million in tax funding could be lost, in addition to per-pupil funding allocated by the state to schools if residents ultimately leave the district.

Cyndi Lyon, the planner for the city, said that it was on the table at

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Bowling for dollars
Shelter still needs funds and support

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

The effort to build a new animal shelter in Romulus will get another 'booster shot' in April when the 9 Pin No Tap fundraiser comes around again.

The bowling tournament, which will donate all proceeds to the city shelter account, takes place annually, and is one of the most lucrative of many fundraisers organized to help give stray animals a better home, said Councilman William Wadsworth, who is leading the effort to build a new shelter.

Wadsworth said many local community members are helping raise money, and he took time to thank them Monday night.

"I want to thank everyone who helps us out," he said.

The current animal shelter on Goddard Road does not have enough capacity to hold all the abandoned and stray cats and dogs in the city, and has fewer places to store food, medicine, and supplies. About three years ago, Wadsworth, a longtime animal volunteer, asked the city council members to designate a bank account so he could raise money to pay for the construction of a new shelter.

Estimates indicate that a new shelter would cost $250,000 to build. Wadsworth said that funds from individuals and businesses, as well as in-kind promises for labor, means that work can get started without necessarily having all of the money in hand.

About $120,000 in cash has been donated, and about $40,000 in in-kind services has been pledged.

It appears the Tax Increment Financing Authority (TIFA) has agreed to help. A design for a shelter

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Resid... enraged over plan

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

An angry and vocal crowd of residents attended the Romulus City Council meeting Monday night to send the Metro Airport officials a message: Expand only inside your borders.

The residents – most of whom live in an area which could be demolished under the Wayne County Airport Authority plan to build a fifth parallel runway along Eureka Road – provided feedback in the form of hundreds of comments in support of the city strategy to fight the airport expansion plan.

The master plan, devised with the assistance of contractors and planners by the Wayne County Airport Authority in 2006, represents some changes for the city. According to the current plan as the airport expands, the 350-unit Sky Harbor Apartments would have to be demolished, along with 30 improved industrial buildings, 18 improved commercial buildings, the Halecreek fire station, the Oakbrook subdivision, Merriman Elementary School, and possibly Halecreek Elementary School.

About 800 residences would be demolished, and the city could stand to lose almost $1 million in assessed revenue, according to the city.

The city would also become about 7 percent smaller, and could lose about 3,500 residents.

Though the plan will only be implemented if passenger traffic increases, residents were concerned about their housing values in light of publicity about the plan.

"When this thing hit the newspapers, we lost everything," said Ernest Monroe, a resident who spoke on behalf of his parents, who live in the affected area.

"We can't just sit back and them the airport take the land," he said. "There isn't a single person from the county here tonight – that speaks volumes about what they think of us, and how much they care about us."

Majority concerned

Though most residents said they believed the city was creating the right strategy by fighting the expansion, some indicated they were concerned officials were putting off the inevitable.

The airport would be able to take property through eminent domain, and would have to compensate homeowners.

"Our property values are going down as a result of this, and I wouldn't want the city run up fees and make a bunch of lawyers rich," said John Needman, a resident. "It's the job of this administration to do something for us now – people who are trying to sell their homes won't be able to do that."

Mayor Alan Lambert said he believed the best strategy was to fight the expansion.

"I don't think we can just go along with this," he said. "We need to see this through for everyone in the city."

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On a roll
New nature trail will feature bike paths, picnic areas

Scott Spielman
Editor

Canton Township Engineer Ann Naszradi said she usually gets the same response when she tells residents the township is developing a trail system by the river.

"They usually say: 'What river?'" Naszradi said.

That would be the lower Rouge River, which meanders through the southern portion of the township just north of Michigan Avenue. It cuts through about 260 acres of county owned land that is still relatively unspoiled.

"Most people don't know it's down here," said Naszradi. "It's like an oasis of peace in the middle of everything."

The township is developing the first phase of the project right now, runs from Canton Center to Morton Taylor Road. The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will add a link to the I-275 bike path. There is another effort to revitalize that pathway, too.

The lower Rouge River meanders along Michigan Avenue in southern Canton Township.

The project was good news for Joan Lager, another Canton employee. She has lived in the township for about 50 years and remembers the area quite well—she and her friends would spend afternoons horseback riding there. An old stable—Ken's—serviced the area and Lager's favorite mount was a majestic animal named 'Scar.'

"We used to spend most of our Saturday afternoons there," she said. "I couldn't believe it when I heard about the trail."

The township trail will be constructed of crushed rock that will be fully handicapped accessible. The surface has been put down already, but there is still work to be done prior to the grand opening, which is scheduled to coincide with River Day on June 7. An old bridge has to be reconstructed and several trees—fallen as a result of a harsh winter—have to be cleared away, too.

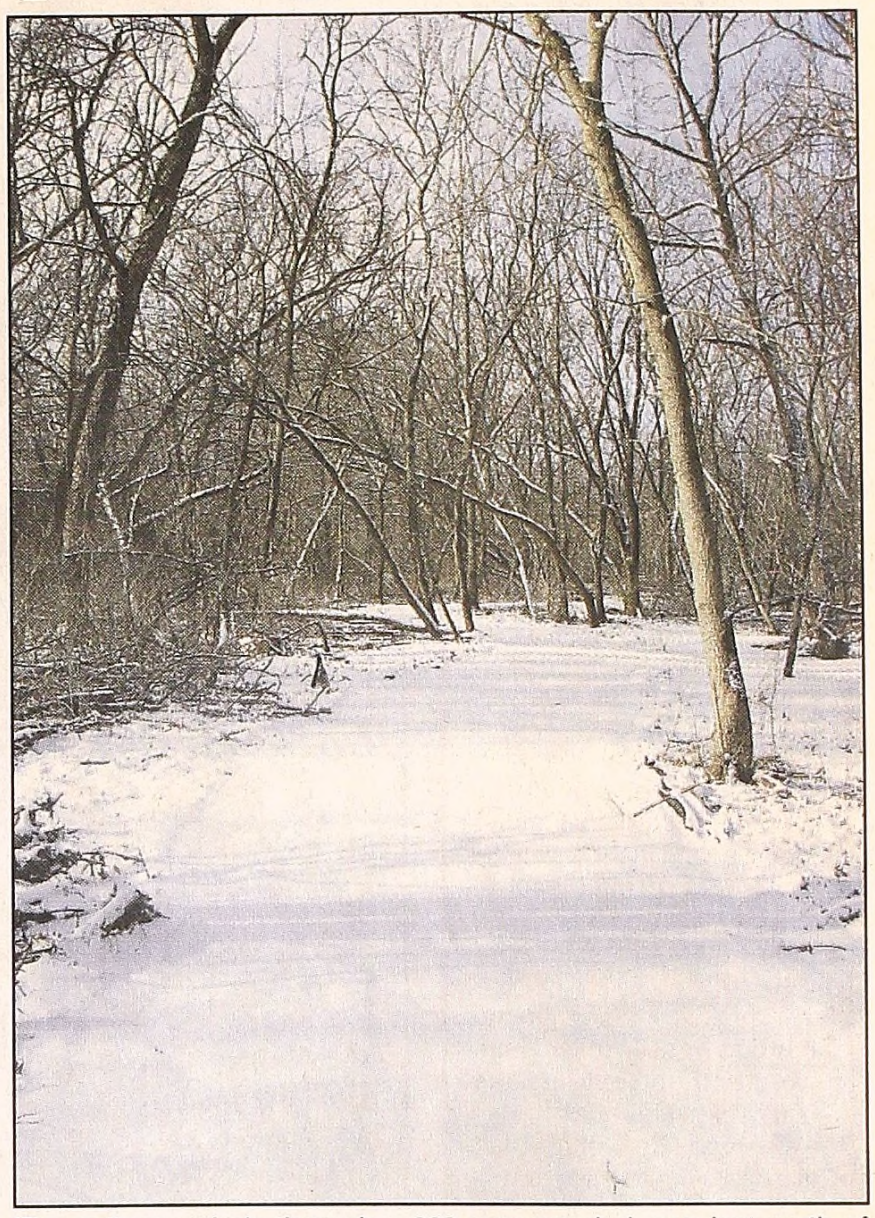
Naszradi said the township has yet to install the picnic tables that will be set up near the parking lot off Morton Taylor Road and install wayfinding signs along the path, as well.

"We still have plenty to do," Naszradi said.

She said she just received bids for the bridge replacement; it will cost about $30,000 to tear out the old concrete and replace it with a wooden structure. The metal I-beams that support it are still strong.

The Michigan Mountain Biking Association (MMBA) is involved as well. They're cutting smaller paths into the woodlands, according to Naszradi. They hope to have 3 miles of dirt trails that intersect the larger one.

"My primary intention for this trail is to have a place for people to get introduced to the sport of mountain biking in the Plymouth-Canton area and hopefully get hooked on it like I did years ago," said Gary Anderson, a member of the MMBA who is taking on the project. He's been a member of the group for more than 15 years.



The pathway winds through a 260-acre wooded area just north of Michigan Avenue. Future phases will highlight trees as wide as seven feet in diameter.

"The trail is designed at a beginner or mild intermediate skill level," he added. "It is also a very good place for a leisurely nature hike through the woods which Canton basically doesn't have much more of any longer."

Ultimately, Naszradi said the pathway will connect from Canton Center Road to the I-275 bike path and, hopefully, the City of Wayne to the west.

"I think it will be a wonderful amenity for the township," Naszradi said. "Canton doesn't have anything like this."

Lager agreed.

"This is the kind of thing that most people think they have to travel up north for," she said. "You'd never believe it's right here in Canton. You have to see it.

"It'll be like our own little Kensington, without an entrance fee," she added.

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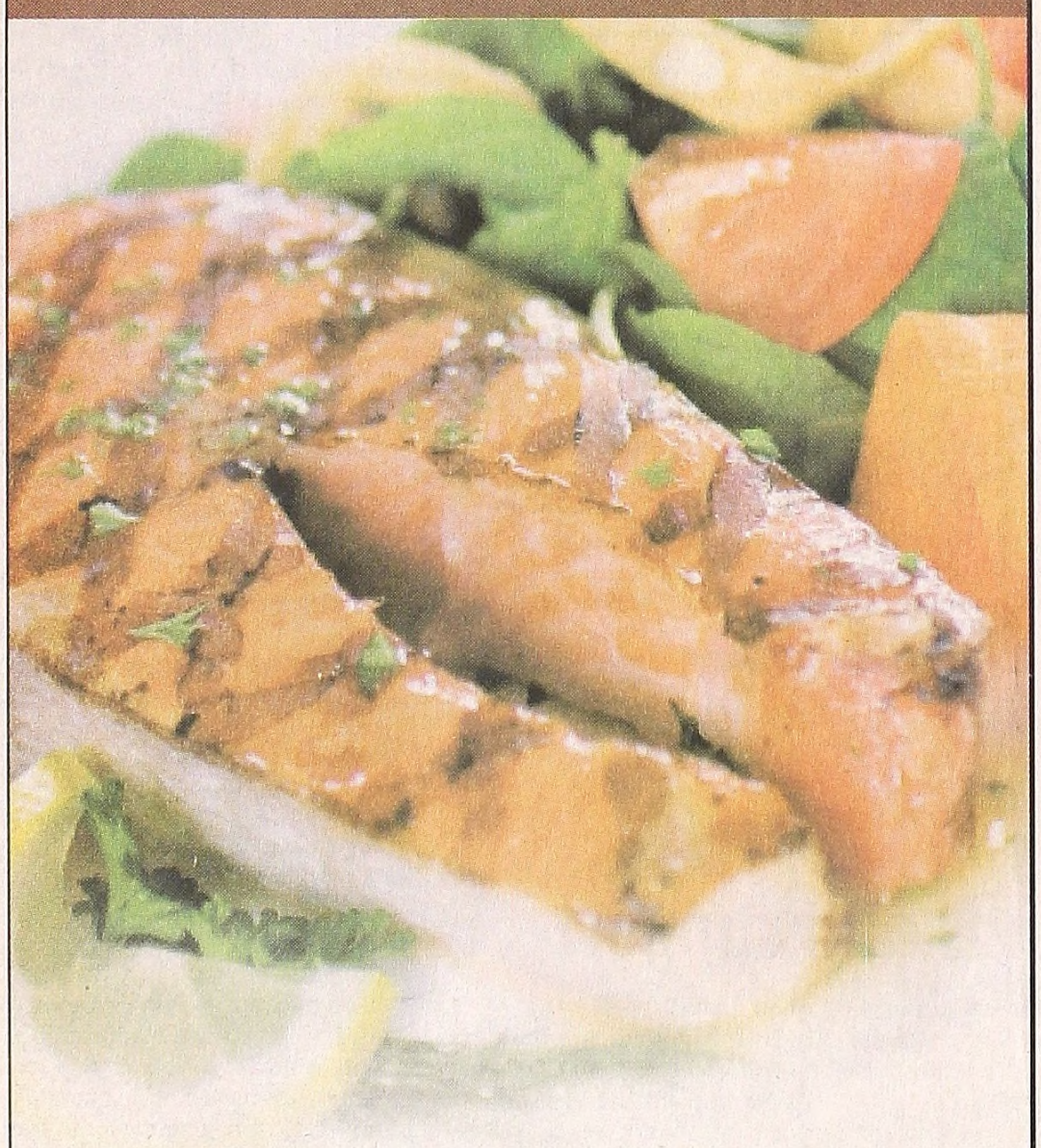

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Career and Technical Program wins recertification

Andrea King
Staff Writer

The Van Buren Public Schools Career and Technical Program was recertified recently through the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation.

Doug Hoffman, career technical director for the school district, said the automotive service program is committed to excellence and congratulated them on the honor.

This certification and recognition makes Belleville High School and the career technical program unique among others in the United States, as many don't meet the standards of the organization, officials said.

Hoffman, and school officials said they thank the many who volunteered their time during the process with participation and on-site visits including: Charles Crites, evaluation team leader from the Wayne County Community College District; Jim Dodd, of Washtenaw Community College; Fred Martin, the former owner of Martin and Son Service, Inc. in Belleville; instructor Harry Uhlianuk; instructor John Seefeld, instructor Karl Van Zile and Rill Curry, a former director for the career and technical program.

The National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation was founded in 1983 as an independent, non-profit organization with a single mission: to evaluate technicians training programs against standards developed by the automotive industry and recommend qualifying programs for certification and accreditation by National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence.

A plaque commemorating the recognition will be on display at the Career Technical Center, located on Sumpter Road.

Students in the Van Buren Public Schools Career and Technical Program are proud of the plaque announcing their certification.

On the 'Red Carpet'
Chamber announces award winners

Andrea King
Staff Writer

The 'red carpet' will unroll soon as the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce hosts the annual awards and auction event.

The "Red Carpet Awards" themed chamber auction will honor the recipients of the Ted Kuckelman Community Service Award, the Leona Van Buhler Chamber Member of the Year and the Business of the Year. This year, winners include Bill Wolters, Randy Brown and the David C. Brown Funeral Home.

Wolters, who won the Ted Kuckelman Community Service award, said he didn't look for recognition or ask for it, he just volunteers for the 'love' of the community.

"I've lived here since 1957 and that's why I do it," he said. "I enjoy the people, I enjoy the community and hopefully, we're making it more comfortable for the people who live and visit here."

Brown, the chamber member of the year, said he's honored. Through the Belleville chamber, he volunteers for the Christmas events, like the Christmas Parade, the pancake breakfast and the canned food drive.

"I knew (Leona) Mrs. Van Buhler and she was quite the lady so this is a great honor," he said.

"I think a chamber member of the year is doing what you can do to help the chamber; someone who's dedicated and willing to invest their time," he added. "This was a big surprise to me, I had no clue this was even going on."

The Business of the Year—the David C. Brown Funeral Home—has been in Belleville for more than 25 years. Owner Dave Brown said he was deeply honored by the recognition.

"I don't know why we got picked: I'm awe stricken," he said.

> *I enjoy the people, I enjoy the community and hopefully, we're making it more comfortable for the people who live and visit here.*
>
> **Bill Wolters**

Brown said both the funeral home and the Brown Family Center try to remain deeply involved in the community and with others.

Executive Director Janet Millard said she hopes to see many on the red carpet April 18.

"We'll pay tribute to our special award winners and members who have reached 20 years up to 40 years in chamber membership," she said. "I know the honorees will be thrilled when they look out over the crowd and see so many friendly faces."

Forty-five year members are: Atchinson Ford and the Henry R. Deering Agency; the 35-year member is the Wayne County Community College District western campus; the 30-year member is the Belleville Rotary Club and the 25-year members are the Lodge Lanes, Martin & Son, Comerica Bank, Garden Fantasy Greenhouse and Florist, Davenport Brothers and the McDonald's of Belleville. The Belleville/Van Buren Goodfellows, the National Strawberry Festival, the New Lawn Sod Farm and Wellington Industries are all 20-year members.

The event will take place at 5:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Express. Auctioneer Doug Dalton will take bids on items during the silent, live and basket auctions. Tickets are $50 or $400 for a table of eight. The chamber is also looking for gift donations and sponsorship opportunities. Corporate and sponsorship is avaible. For more information, call (734) 697-7151.

Dumpster fires under investigation

Van Buren Township Fire Department inspectors are looking for answers regarding three recent dumpster fires in the Archwood Apartment Complex.

Fire fighters responded to the fires in the east parking lot of the township complex within the last two weeks: on Feb. 3, 9 and the 17. They seem to be suspicious in cause and the suspect fled the scene prior to the arrival of the public safety department, according to officials.

Residents are encouraged to be aware of those in the complex and report anyone who appears suspicious to the public safety department at (734) 699-8930 or 911.

Anyone with information concerning the fires is asked to contact Capt. Anthony Karver at (734) 699-8900 ext 9419.

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Citizens

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If the airport took property under eminent domain provisions, taxes could be higher for relocated residents because the Headlee law would not maintain taxation levels.

Airport officials incensed

Scott Roberts, a spokesman for the airport, took questions and comments for the Airport Authority, some of which were fairly heated.

He said after the meeting that he understood why people were angry.

"People are upset because it's their homes," he said. "I would be upset too. But this is a plan that's on paper – there's nothing saying it absolutely will be done. We want people to understand that."

Chief authority spokesman Michael Conway said the city is propagating a misconception about the plan.

"They're saying they sent all of these letters, and that we never replied to them, and that's not true," he said. "They're saying we sent them a form letter, and we provided a detailed response to all of their questions. We've also had several public meetings – I don't know what more we can do."

Conway provided the response to the city questions Monday.

The city says there's little understanding between the two parties at this rate.

"We're not altogether opposed to a growing airport," said Tim Keyes, Romulus economic development director. "But we need to them to listen to our needs."

Passengers will determine course

The three-phase master plan outlines an expansion that could take until 2027 to complete. The plan was undertaken by the airport in accordance to Federal Aviation Administration rules and to devise a plan to meet what airport officials believe will be increased usage by business and leisure travelers in the next two decades.

An underground or above-ground monorail system could be added to transport travelers and employees around the airport grounds by 2013. A cargo operation could be added near the Wayne-Vining Road area, and a new runway could be constructed to accommodate passenger travel.

Increased passenger load – to the tune of 2.3 percent a year – will require the airport to expand, according to the authority. However, if passenger levels remain flat, the plan would not be implemented.

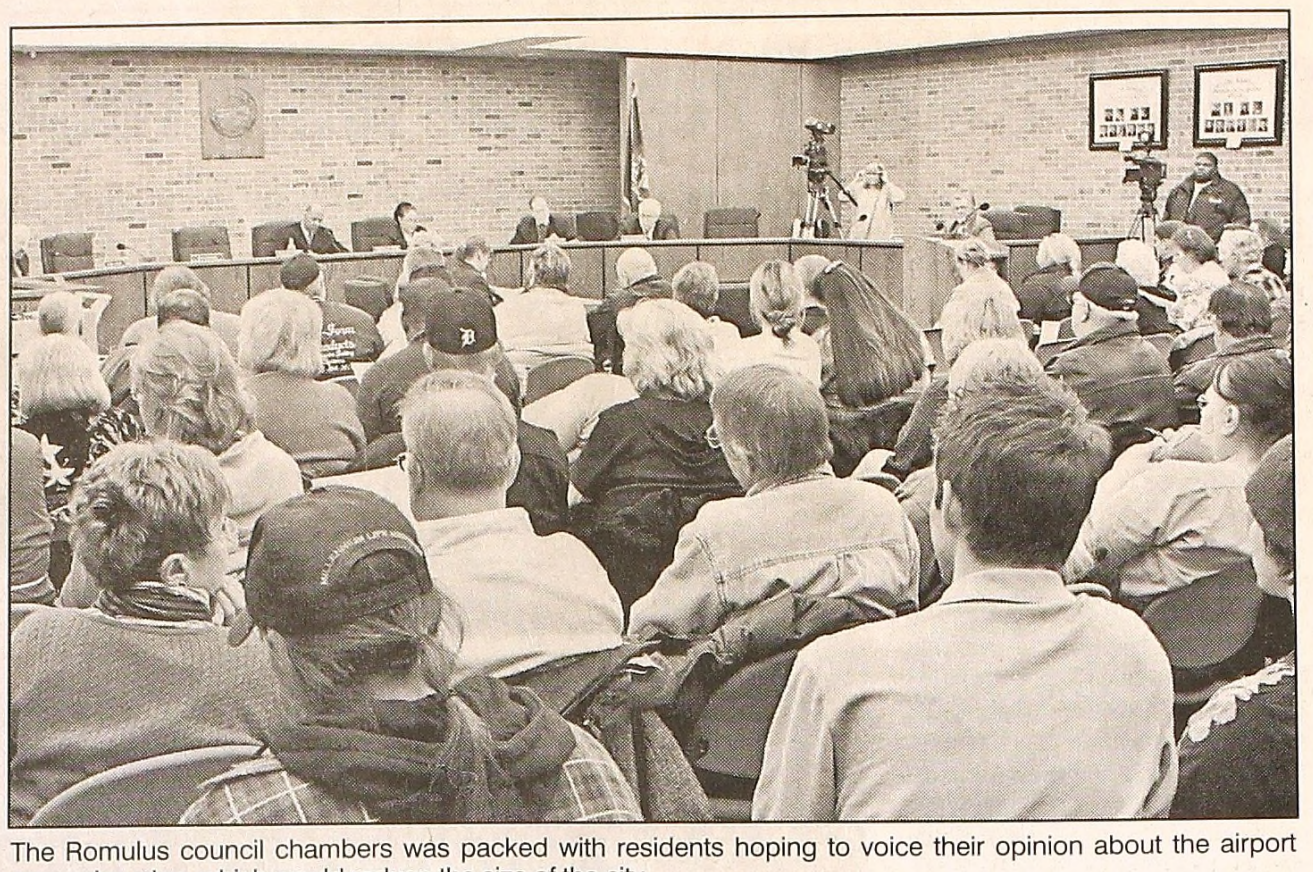
"If it remains flat, we wouldn't want to pay for another runway," Conway said.

Next moves

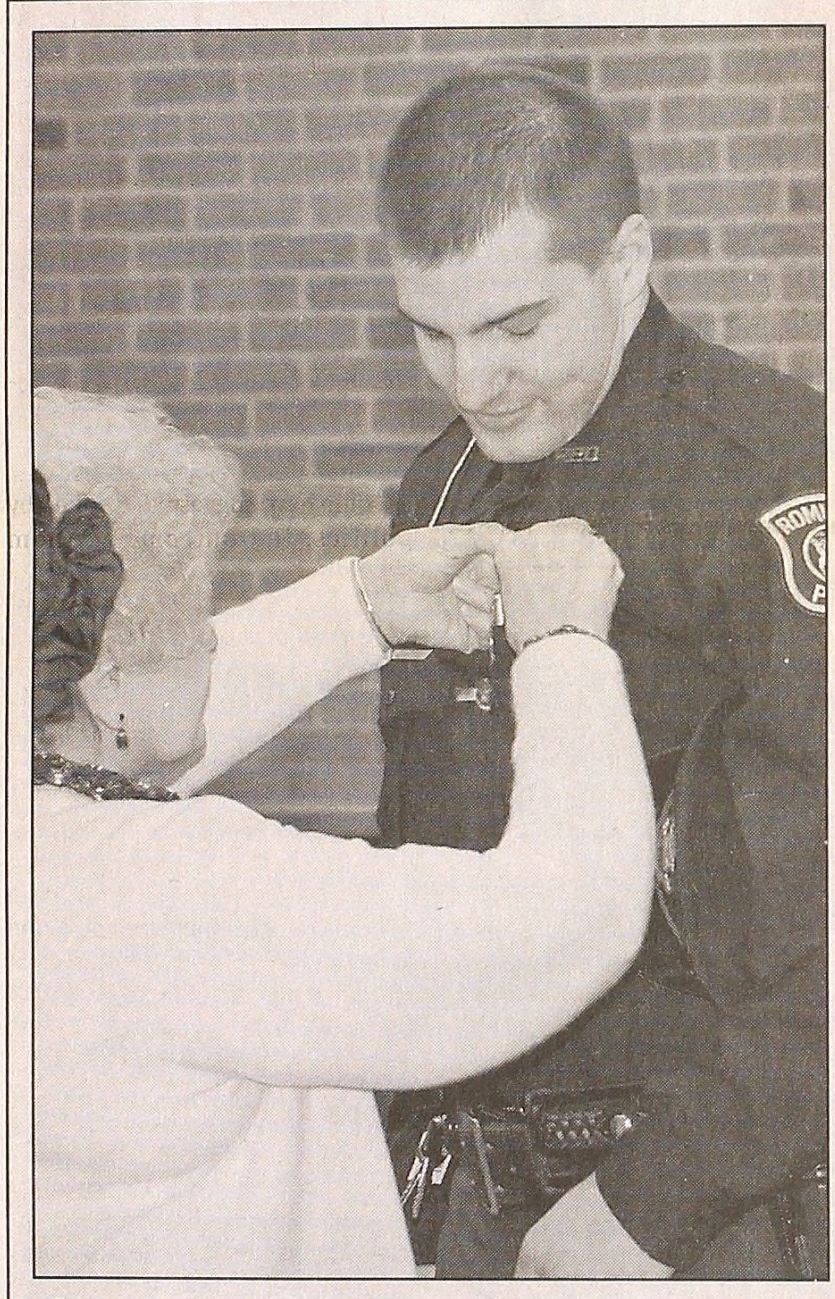
Meanwhile, city officials and residents are hoping to work together to stop the plan. A meeting will take place at Merriman School to help residents organize an opposition.

Mayor Alan Lambert also spoke before the Western Wayne County Council Of Mayors Wednesday to seek support from other communities.

"I think if we can get enough support, the airport will reconsider the plan," he said.



The Romulus council chambers was packed with residents hoping to voice their opinion about the airport expansion plan, which would reduce the size of the city.



Grandmotherly love

A new Romulus police officer received his badge from a very important official recently when Rita Nipples, showed up at a ceremony to swear-in her grandson, Ofc. Darryl Nipples. The celebration took place Feb. 11 when Nipples took the police officer's oath.

Inkster man fatally shot in motel room

Police are investigating the fatal shooting of a 39-year-old Inkster man at a city motel last weekend.

Investigators are keeping a tight lid on information related to the death of Maurice Owens at the Budget Inn at 26040 Michigan Ave., but did confirm that police responded to a call at 10:15 p.m. Sunday evening from an individual who reported a man was deceased at the motel.

Officers who responded to the scene discovered Owens inside a motel room. He had been fatally shot an unspecified number of times, said Det. Anthony Delgreco of the Inkster Homicide Unit.

"We're still investigating what happened," he said.

"We do not have anyone in custody but we do have some persons of interest that we're talking to now," Delgreco added.

Police did not reveal why Owens was in the room, or whether he had been a guest at the Budget Inn. A representative from the motel said Tuesday that he did not know what happened in the room.

Police are seeking public assistance in locating more witnesses who may have heard or seen something at the motel that night.

Individuals who with information about Owens' death are urged to call Delgreco of the Inkster Detective Bureau Homicide Unit at (313) 563-9850 ex. 128.

Those who would prefer to leave an anonymous tip are asked to call Crimestoppers at 1 (800) SPEAK-UP, or the Inkster police Tip Line at (313) 277-4118.

Shelter - Small fundraisers help

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is also being devised by Ghafari & Associates, and a final plan has been approved, Wadsworth added.

The new shelter will be located on a city-owned parcel of land on Northline Road, near the Department of Public Works Building. The new plan calls for many new amenities, including an adoption area and an improved storage area for supplies.

Corporate donations from companies doing business in the city have been hard to come by when it comes to the shelter. For that reason, animal volunteers have had to rely on businesses like Romulus Lances and other small companies to handle some fundraising. According to city officials, vast majority of support has come from small businesses like service companies, restaurants, and local charitable and civic groups.

The tournament costs $25 per person, and will include prizes and a raffle. It will take place at 7 p.m. on April 25 at the Romulus Lanes Bowling Alley.

Only 72 players can compete, so reservations are necessary.

To make reservations, call Wadsworth at (734) 941-0516.

Buildings - Some could be destroyed

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one time to displace Merriman and Halecreek Schools, and that the airport planners had taken it off the table.

"We asked for confirmation in writing that Halecreek would not be part of the plan, and we haven't received that," she said.

Romulus Community Schools operates five elementary schools – Merriman, Halecreek, Cory, Barth and Romulus. The current combined enrollment at both Halecreek and Merriman exceeds 600, Kuderik said.

If the schools are closed and demolished, it would not be as simple as building a new school, Kuderik said.

"If the families are moved to another area of the city, or if they move to another city altogether, they will be gone, and we'll have no reason to have any new schools," he said.

The master plan is a hypothetical that would be carried out only if airport traffic increases by 2.5 percent each year during the next several years. However, Lyon said property acquisition could begin in as little as five years.

Scott Roberts, a spokesman for the Wayne County Airport Authority, said the plan is only on paper at this point.

"We can't stress enough that we're willing to work with the community to find a solution (for the expansion)," he said.

Carol Bayles, a district employee, said she's upset that the district wasn't told of the possible implications of the plan.

"We've been through this before with the airport, and we can't just take it," she said.

Kuderik said he believed there would likely be job losses at the district as well if the two schools were closed.

Schools Superintendent Carl Weiss joined Mayor Alan Lambert at a meeting of the Wayne County Conference of Mayors yesterday to solicit support from neighboring communities in the hopes of urging airport authority officials to expand only within their current boundaries.

Weiss was unavailable for comment Tuesday.

Reading comes first

A first and second grade Reading First workshop titled, "Parents, Pizza, Poetry and Philanthropy" was hosted by Cory School earlier this month. Parents were treated to lunch, discovered the five areas of reading, learning how poetry and song increased fluency and then created valentines that were sent to soldiers in Iraq. Kathy Hurst, Cory literacy coach, left, parent Alicia Higgins, second grade teacher Ronda Askew, parents Javon Gilmore, Keenan Brown, and Randy Frison II, enjoy the day.

Calendar of events

City-wide yard sale is back

Residents looking to unload unwanted items are invited to sell their wares without paying any fees the weekend of May 15-18.

The city normally charges for a permit to conduct a garage sale, but during this weekend, permits will be granted to any residents who wish to have a sale free of charge.

In the event the weather is inclement during the weekend, the permits will be transferred to the weekend of May 29-June 1.

For more information, call Romulus Parks and Recreation at (734) 941-8665.

Black history month lecture planned

Young people will have the opportunity to learn more about the Underground Railroad and its connection to Romulus tonight when the "Underground Railroad History" lecture comes to the library.

Lecturers will speak about the areas of the city that were once part of complex Underground Railroad system and the work of local abolitionists. Students will discover the meaning and interpretation of quilt codes, and will be given the opportunity to create their own codes.

The Romulus Public Library is located at 11121 Wayne Road.

For more information, call the library at (734) 942-7589.

Story time is back

The Romulus Public Library will once again host "Winter Story Time."

Story time is designed for pre-schoolers from the age of 3-5. Crafts are included in the program.

Sessions are scheduled at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays through March 25, and at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays until March 25.

There is no charge for families to attend.

The Romulus Public Library is located at 11121 Wayne Road.

For more information, call the library at (734) 942-7589.

Grief support available

The Hospice of Michigan will host two series of grief support meetings for anyone in the community who is coping with the loss of a loved one.

A series of meetings will be take place at 9 a.m. Sundays through March 16 at the Romulus Wesleyan Church.

Another series of meetings is planned at 6:30 p.m. on Thursdays at the Romulus Public Library, until March 20.

Romulus Wesleyan Church is located at 37300 Goddard. The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road.

For more information about the seminars, call the Hospice of Michigan at (734) 769-4212 or visit the organization's Web site at www.hom.org.

- Events are compiled by Staff Writer Molly Tippen. Information about events can be sent via e-mail to mtippen@journalgroup.com, or by fax at (734) 729-1840.

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Annexation legislation deserving of appause

Officials in Northville Township received some additional support last week in their efforts to protect a prime piece of real estate.

State Rep. Marc Corriveau (D-Northville) introduced legislation designed to resolve the dispute between the township and developers REIS—or at least eliminate one aspect of it.

The legislation would exempt charter townships and cities with populations of 20,000 or more from annexation proceedings. It may or may not be a factor in the assumingly ongoing negotiations between the township and the developer, depending on which side you ask. The developer has never announced any intention of trying to annex the 414-acres of land to neighboring Livonia, but township officials have speculated that that is the prime reason behind moving 'security' personnel onto the property and then registering them to vote.

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The legislation earned Corriveau a round of applause from the township board of trustees—by far the warmest reception he's ever received from that body.

That's because no matter what happens with the Northville Township situation, it's still sound policy to have in place. It's more of a compromise than legislation initially presented by State Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton) and, in theory at least, has a better chance of being approved. It has been endorsed by the Michigan Townships Association (as Patterson's was), and may even win a neutral stance from the Michigan Municipal League (MML), which came out against Patterson's initial proposal. Limiting it to cities or townships with a population of 20,000 or more seems important to both those lobbying groups.

Township and state officials are quick to point out, though, that this legislation is not designed to negatively impact development. Everyone wants to see investment in Michigan, they just want to see the kind of investment that makes sense and the kind of development that fits in with the community.

It is all about compromise. If this legislation is approved, it will give both sides additional incentive to compromise and create something worthy of the community—while helping townships protect their borders in the long run.

The more we know the better

'Canton' and 'cancer' may not be two words you want to associate with each other.

But residents in the greater Canton community will have two opportunities this year—and in the future—to help eradicate the disease once and for all.

The first is to take part in the Relay for Life in Canton Township. Canton, one of several communities to host the 24-hour fundraiser, will host the event on May 17-18. The kick off meeting is at 6:30 tonight at the Emagine theater on Ford Road.

The other way is to join the Cancer Prevention Study put on by the American Cancer Society Department of Epidemiology and Surveillance Research. These studies started during the 1950s and have gone a long way toward providing information needed to combat the disease.

The American Cancer Society is looking to start another one and sign up 500,000 people nationwide. The Canton Relay for Life, which will take place at Heritage Park, is one of the sign up locations—it is one of only four in the State of Michigan.

The cancer study is a long-term commitment. It will require volunteers to fill out surveys initially and then every other year for 20 years. It sounds like a good way to make one's own mark against the disease, though, and try to contribute toward the betterment of humanity in the long run.

It's not a decision that needs to be made now, fortunately. Those that might be interested in taking part can find more information at www.cancer.org/cps3. You can also find information about the Relay for Life events taking place throughout western Wayne County, too.

Let's all join together to fight back.

Outside look is a good idea

Members of the Inkster City Council made the difficult choice last week to look into the eligibility of two of their colleagues.

The issues, on whether the office of city council is compatible with the 'day jobs' of Patrick Wimberly—the director of transportation for the Inkster School District—and Michael Greene, a court administrator at the 22nd District Court in Inkster, as well as if both men still meet their residency requirements.

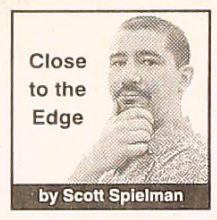
It was a tough choice to make, but the right one. It was also a smart decision to seek an outside opinion—particularly from the office of Attorney General Mike Cox—on these issues. Even if the beginning of the investigation was, as some have suggested, sparked by politics, the outcome of them shouldn't be.

Of the two, we're more concerned about the potential for residency violations. Greene is accused of living at a home on Lehigh Street instead of the Westhills Street address where he filed for election. Wimberly filed for election at a home on Lehigh Street that was the subject of a bank repossession.

If these prove true, both men should immediately apologize and step down. To do anything else would be disrespectful of the voters who put them in office in the first place.

There are bigger issues the city council should be working on. They shouldn't have to be concerned about whether members of their board live where they say they live. Residents should not be distracted by this, either. We hope there is a complete, thorough investigation that satisfies everyone so the city can move forward. The times ahead are challenging enough, without leftover battles from the campaign season getting in the way.

Hang on, help is on the way



by Scott Spielman

Every day, I hear the same kinds of things that everyone else does.

People are struggling. Foreclosures are increasing. The economy is heading toward a recession.

And every day I drive around and see the opposite.

Take the first two days of my week, for example—the only two days I can fit in ahead of our deadline.

Monday I zipped up Michigan Avenue west past Canton Center Road, where a new Target store will soon be open (March 9, if all goes according to plan). The 127,000-square-foot store is the second in Canton Township, obviously, and will bring 160 jobs to the area. It sits in a strip center that also includes the second Kohl's store in Canton Township, an Old Navy, a Petsmart and a Famous Footwear, among others. It's right down the street from where a new Meijer store will be constructed (at Morton Taylor Road) and near where a new Wal-Mart will go in, too. Eventually, when you drive between all these places, you'll have to pass a handful of new bank branches that are either opening up or under construction, too.

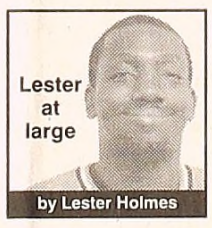
Tuesday, I attended the ceremony that marked a $16 million investment in Northville Township, when officials from IAV Automotive laid the cornerstone for their new headquarters. This was one of two things where county officials helped out the locals—the other was in Canton Township, where the Miesel-Sysco company threatened to relocate unless they got some assistance on widening Van Born Road to accommodate their expansion.

You can see signs of hope all around if you look for it. Wayne Road in Westland, just north of the Wayne border is another example. Strip malls are going up from here down to Ford Road and beyond—and these are not the ugly centers of the 1970s. These are primarily brick structures with some architectural features that are designed to cast off that strip mall stigma.

I get tired of hearing all the doom and gloom that comes from the daily media. I know things are difficult, but I don't believe they're as bad as they seem. Things may not be as developing as fast as they were in the past, but some kind of slow down was inevitable, wasn't it? Just because it has happened and lingered for a little longer than we anticipated, is no reason to panic.

There's still plenty to be happy about here in western Wayne County. Maybe we just need to band together more often and celebrate our successes and share the secrets to that success.

Detroit scandal probe is 'unWorthy'



by Lester Holmes

As many residents in Detroit and throughout southeastern Michigan weigh the potential ramifications to the region as a potential case of perjury looms over Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick and his former chief of staff, no one wishes this issue were resolved more than Wayne County District Attorney Kym Worthy.

Worthy's office is currently investigating whether Kilpartick and his top aide, Christine Beatty, committed perjury during a civil court case that awarded $9 million (including court fees) to three former Detroit cops. Last month, the Detroit Free Press discovered text messages shared between the pair that exposed an intimate relationship and a conspiracy to fire the officers for their knowledge of the affair—something Kilpatrick and Beatty vehemently denied in trial.

Unfortunately, the controversy has ignited a firestorm of resentment between city residents and suburbanites that puts Worthy in the position of angering a major constituency no matter what decision she makes.

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If Worthy decides to prosecute Kilpatrick and Beatty, supporters of the mayor will immediately begin their campaign of painting Worthy as a woman who loves the national media spotlight and performing for votes from communities past the Eight Mile border.

If Worthy, after her investigation, determines their actions on the stand do not meet the legal standard of perjury, a significant number of suburbanites, many of whom have unfavorable feelings about Kilpatrick, will accuse Worthy of being a puppet of the city administration, unwilling to bring to justice a high-ranking African-American official in Detroit.

Worthy is in a tenuous position to say the least.

She has said that the evidence will dictate her moves and no outside pressure from Kilpartick supporters or detractors will be considered. However, no matter if you are the district attorney, a senator or dogcatcher, you are cognizant of how your constituents will react to decisions—and that's why I believe it might be prudent for Worthy to remove this decision from her desk.

As prosecutor, Worthy can request the Oakland or Washtenaw county prosecutor to investigate the case. It is not unusual for prosecutors to bring in special counsel to lead cases involving elected officials.

When she became prosecutor, Worthy realized she would have to make tough decisions. And I have no inside knowledge of her thought process. But the stakes are too big for the city and surrounding region to have any appearance of impropriety or hidden agendas.

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County prosecutor warns of growing elder abuse

Meghan Chatham
Staff Writer

> *The fastest growing crime that we have in America and in Wayne County.*
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> **Wayne County Prosecutor**
> **Kym Worthy**

Last Wednesday, a panel of experts gathered at the Friendship Center in Westland to caution seniors about elder abuse.

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy served as the key speaker as she shared tips and tricks used by would-be predators as well as advice on recognizing the signs of elder abuse. Elder abuse can take numerous forms, including physical abuse, neglect, and financial abuse.

Worthy said although residents may hear more about crimes such as murder, rape, or child abuse, elder abuse is actually "the fastest growing crime that we have in America and in Wayne County." In an effort to help stem the rising tide, the program was designed to educate participants.

"We're trying to raise awareness as much as we can," Worthy said.

Although physical abuse and neglect are not uncommon, she focused most of her presentation on financial matters.

"The overwhelming majority of cases we're seeing are financial abuse," said Worthy.

Financial thefts make up between 70-75 percent of the caseload within the Wayne County Elder Victim Unit, which was begun in 2004, and in many of the cases, Worthy said, the abuse comes at the hands on a member of the individual's family.

Among the signs of potential financial abuse are the disbursal of frequent expensive gifts from the elder to the caregiver; missing personal belongings, financial papers or credit cards belonging to the elder; frequent checks that are made out to cash; and the caregiver's name added to financial accounts.

Worthy noted that seniors who are victimized financially may show signs of fear, anxiety, isolation or withdrawal from family and friends, and may offer contradictory statements about what happened.

Signs that a caregiver could potentially be abusive may include efforts to try to prevent contact between the elder and his or her family or friends, aggressive behavior toward the senior, a lack of care or compassion toward the senior, and conflicting accounts.

"If you think that it's going on, by all means—call us," said Westland Police Chief James Ridener. The Westland Police Department, which investigates every allegation of possible abuse, can be reached at (734) 722-9600.

Individuals who suspect that a senior may be in an abusive situation may also contact Adult Protective Services at (877) 963-6006. Depending on the situation, investigations may be completed in anywhere from one day to one month. For those who don't wish to leave a name, anonymous complaints are accepted.

The seminar also offered information on common scams targeted toward seniors. In addition to stressing the old saying that if something seems too good to be true, it probably is, the panel highlighted less obvious scams as well.

Worthy said that one common ploy is for a person in a suit to walk up to a home with a home improvement sign in the yard and claim to be there to pick up a payment due to the company. Even shopping requires caution, she said, since cameras built into cell phones offer crooks a subtle way to steal someone's identity—snapping a picture of a credit card as it is handed to a sales clerk.

Although it may not be a headline-grabbing crime, Worthy stressed that it is one that can be life altering for the seniors involved—some of whom are even forced to re-enter the work force due to the aftereffects of financial abuse. Statistically, Worthy said, 80 percent of the seniors involved have an income of $10,000 or less per year and the average age is 75. It is also a crime that overwhelmingly affects women, who she said make up 75 percent of victims.

The forum is slated to air starting this week on the Westland cable station, WLND, which is channel 12 for Comcast subscribers and channel 10 for Wide Open West (WOW) subscribers.

Popular area police dog dies

Scott Spileman
Editor

The City of Wayne lost a legendary part of their police department recently.

Axle, a German Shepherd that faithfully served the city for more than a decade, died at the age of 14.

"He was more than a dog," said Police Chief John Williams.

Ofc. Terry Foley, Axle's partner, agreed. Foley trained Axle and gave him a home when he retired in 2005.

"He set the standard high for other dogs to follow," said Foley, who has trained police K-9 for two decades. "He had a great impact on the community."

Axle's bloodline extended to Germany, but he came to the Wayne department from Ontario, Canada. He started with the City of Wayne in November, 1995. He was Foley's second K-9 partner.

Axle was 11 years old when he retired. Throughout his career in Wayne, he handled 1,798 canine cases, checked more than 1,200 vehicles for narcotics and assisted with 120 search warrants.

He checked out more than 120 buildings, performed 45 separate locker searches for the school district and performed more than 200 tracks for the department.

He was credited with 88 felony arrests and 198 misdemeanor arrests. He only had to get physical a handful of times—biting four suspects who resisted arrest.

Axle's strong nose proved to be a boon to Wayne and surrounding departments, too. The many currency checks he performed netted more than $129,000 in forfeited narcotics funds.

Through work with the Western Wayne County SWAT team, he helped find several key pieces of evidence along with virtually every type of illegal narcotic and drug paraphernalia.

He was also a big part of the public relations aspect of the department, with more than 229 public and school demonstrations under his collar.

"He was a big part of the department," said Foley. "He was a part of the family."

Axle shared a home with Cain, his successor, after his retirement.

"He still let Cain know who was in charge at home," Foley said.

Fourteen years is a long, productive life for an dog that made his living sniffing out narcotics and chasing down and cornering criminals, said Foley, who often his put his life in Axle's capable paws. He rarely showed it, though, even when he finally succumbed to natural causes.

"Even up until the end, his mind was sharp," said Foley. "He was just a great dog, but old age finally caught up to him. We're all going to miss him."

Axle retired from the Wayne Police Department in 2005 after 10 years of loyal service. He died from natural causes recently at age of 14.

Foley asked that any letters of condolence be sent to the Wayne Police Department at 33701 E. Michigan Ave., Wayne, MI 48184.

Officer fired after 'dine and dash'

Deonate Turner, a former officer for the Van Buren Township Public Safety Department, was terminated after he was arrested recently and charged with defrauding a restaurant.

The incident happened on Feb. 1 in Ferndale, where Turner and three others allegedly left the restaurant without paying for their meals. Turner was suspended from duty without pay after the arrest, officials said.

An internal investigation was completed and Turner was terminated. Director of Public Safety Jerry Champagne said it was an unfortunate situation.

"In addition to the crime that was allegedly committed, there was a manner of untruthfulness when Ofc. Turner was stopped by the Ferndale and Oak Park police," said Champagne.

CITY OF ROMULUS
NOTICE
2008 BOARD OF REVIEW

To the taxpayers of the City of Romulus: The Board of Review will meet in the Romulus City Hall, (Lower Level) Community Room, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174 on the following dates and times by **APPOINTMENT ONLY** for the purpose of reviewing the assessment roll.

Meeting dates are as follows:

March 10 & 12, 2008: 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
March 11& 13, 2008: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers are as follows:

Classification	Ratio	Multiplier
Commercial	50%	1.0000
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Personal	50%	1.0000

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The Board of Review MUST receive all written appeals and supporting documentation no later than March 13, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

Property owners may appoint and authorize a representative to appear on their behalf. All Representatives or Agents MUST submit (current) proof of authorization with original, notarized signatures to act on behalf of the property owner as a prerequisite to appeal to the Board of Review.

To schedule an appointment, please call the City of Romulus, Department of Assessment at (734) 942-7520 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Van Buren Township Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing on proposed water distribution system improvement projects for the purpose of receiving comments from interested persons.

The meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on April 1, 2008, at the Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road.

The purposes of the proposed projects are to increase system reliability, meet local pressure requirements, provide additional sources of water through the distribution system, improve water quality, provide public water service to properties currently on private wells, replace undersized pipes, balance daily fluctuations in the Township's demands, and to maintain sufficient pressures within the system when water supply is temporarily interrupted.

Project construction will involve an elevated storage tank along Tyler Road, a new meter pit along Rawsonville Road, water main extensions along Rawsonville, Ecorse, Tyler, Denton, and Bemis Roads, and water main replacement along Rawsonville, Denton, Beckley, Stanley, and North Shore Roads. An additional water main crossing Belleville Lake between North Shore Road and Huron River Drive is also proposed.

Impacts of the proposed water main extension and replacement projects include temporary disruption along existing road rights-of-way during the construction period. No private property is anticipated to be involved in the construction of the water main except for an easement that will be required between lots on North Shore Road for the proposed water main crossing Belleville Lake. The elevated storage tank is proposed on Township owned property at the southwest corner of the Tyler Road and Quirk Road intersection. Work associated with the installation of the meter pit will require an easement to be procured on an adjacent vacant property.

The estimated cost to users for the proposed projects is estimated to be $11,775,000. The financing of the project is intended to be through a DWRF low interest loan, to be paid for by revenues and taxes already in place. No rate increases or new taxes are intended to be imposed for these projects.

Copies of the documents detailing the proposed project are available for inspection at the following location:

Van Buren Township
Public Works Department
46425 Tyler Road
Van Buren Township, Michigan 48111

Written comments received before the public comment period is closed on April 15, 2008, will be included in the final project plan. Written comments should be sent to:

Charter Township of Van Buren
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Sports

Flying high
Lady Eagles win district crown

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Try as they might the John Glenn Lady Rockets couldn't hold off the Romulus Lady Eagles in the Class A District 15 championship game at Wayne Memorial on Friday.

The Eagles' tough press and strong presence under the basket earned them a 52-39 victory and their second consecutive district crown.

For the seniors on the team, it was just one step closer to another one of their objectives—a regional championship.

"We won districts last year and I feel good to have won it this year especially since it's my senior year," said senior Jasmine Brown. "This win was really important to us because we want to be the first Romulus team to win a regional championship. I think we play Edsel Ford on Tuesday and we beat them by two in overtime last time we played and we're ready to beat them again."

How do they get the championships?

"We just have to keep playing hard and working as a team," she added. "We just have to stay focused."

Focus was the key against the Lady Rockets on Friday.

Glenn put up a good fight, but had a hard time putting the ball in the hoop even on second and third attempts throughout the second half. Once Romulus settled in, junior Ashley Moore grabbed rebound after rebound in the second half. Then she kicked it out to her speedy senior teammates Cristina Barnett, Jasmine Brown and Christine Wells who turned it into points. And if they missed, Moore was there for the rebound and put-back.

Moore finished with 10 points—all in the second half.

"She was huge for us in the second half," said Romulus Coach Yvette Harris. "She had a big game on Monday and struggled a little bit on Wednesday but she was big on rebounds in the second half."

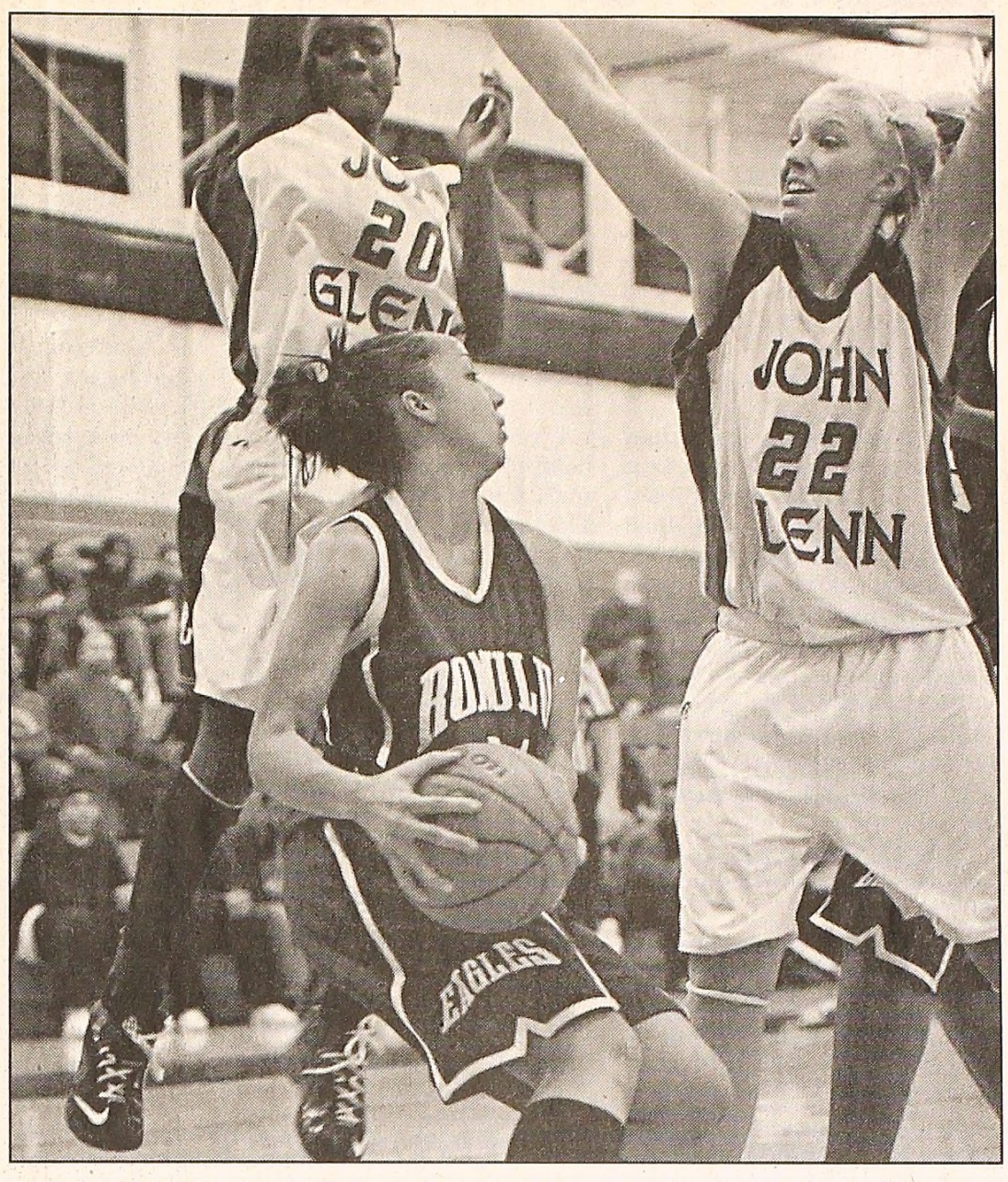
From the time Brown split a pair from the line for the game's first point—one of her nine—until junior Kanaya Williams plugged in the final basket in the fourth, Romulus never trailed in the contest.

The Eagles established the press early to set the tone of the game but Glenn managed enough points in transition to keep it close in the first. Romulus outworked the Rockets for a 12-8 lead. Romulus added to that in the second and earned a 24-16 advantage at halftime.

The Lady Eagles went on an 11-2 run to start the second half for a 17-point lead. Glenn junior Brittany Holbrook scored six points from that point to help narrow the gap to 11 points. Romulus carried a 39-28 lead into the final frame.

"I thought it was a good team effort," Harris said. "I've been proud of their effort all year. I'm not surprised by the effort they gave. We thought (Glenn) didn't have the best ball handlers and we thought we could rattle them early with our press.

"The problem was that were still getting beat in transition and, thankfully, they were still missing their shots," she added. "They still made enough of them to keep them in the game. They are a good team and I'm just happy for the effort that our team gave us tonight."



Romulus senior Jasmine Brown looks for an outlet against John Glenn's Brittany Brown (20) and Brittany Holbrook (22) in the Class A District 15 championship game at Wayne Memorial High School on Friday. The Lady Eagles won their second consecutive crown with a 52-39 victory. Photo by Jeff Novak

Missed first, second and third chances in the fourth stopped Glenn short of what might have been the comeback of the year.

"The first half we missed a lot of put-backs

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Inkster falls in finals

Lester L. Holmes, Jr.
Staff Writer

As the players for the Inkster Lady Vikings basketball team boarded their bus for the final time, the head coach said she knows what caused their season to end.

"If we could have cut down our turnovers and boxed-out more, it would have been a different story," said Head Coach Peggy Carr. Team turnovers and early cold shooting led to a 16-4 deficit last Friday and an eventual loss to the Divine Child (Dearborn) Falcons. The Falcons won the game, 64-48, took the 39-B District championship and will advance to compete in the state playoffs while the Vikings ended their season with a 12-7 record

The Falcons used a mix of full court pressure and man-to-man half court defense to take the Vikings out of their offense for the majority of the first half. The Vikings were able to make a series of runs to keep the game competitive, but couldn't cut the lead down to single-digits.

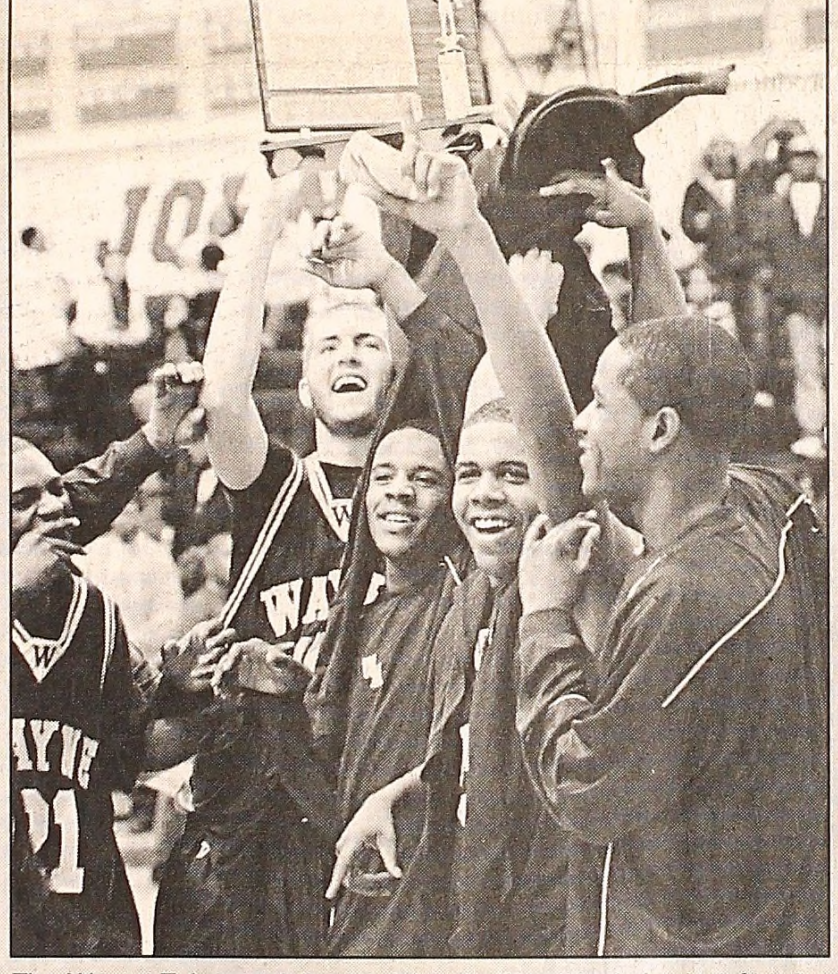
Despite being guarded by several different players, Victoria McGowan—the Vikings' superstar point-guard—scored 26 points in her final high school game. Fellow senior Tiffany Carr added 10 points and a dozen rebounds. Falcons guard Lauren Malinski led her team with 16 points.

McGowan, who averaged 30 points a game for Inkster, has accepted a four-year athletic scholarship from Bowling Green University to continue her basketball career beyond high school, said Carr.

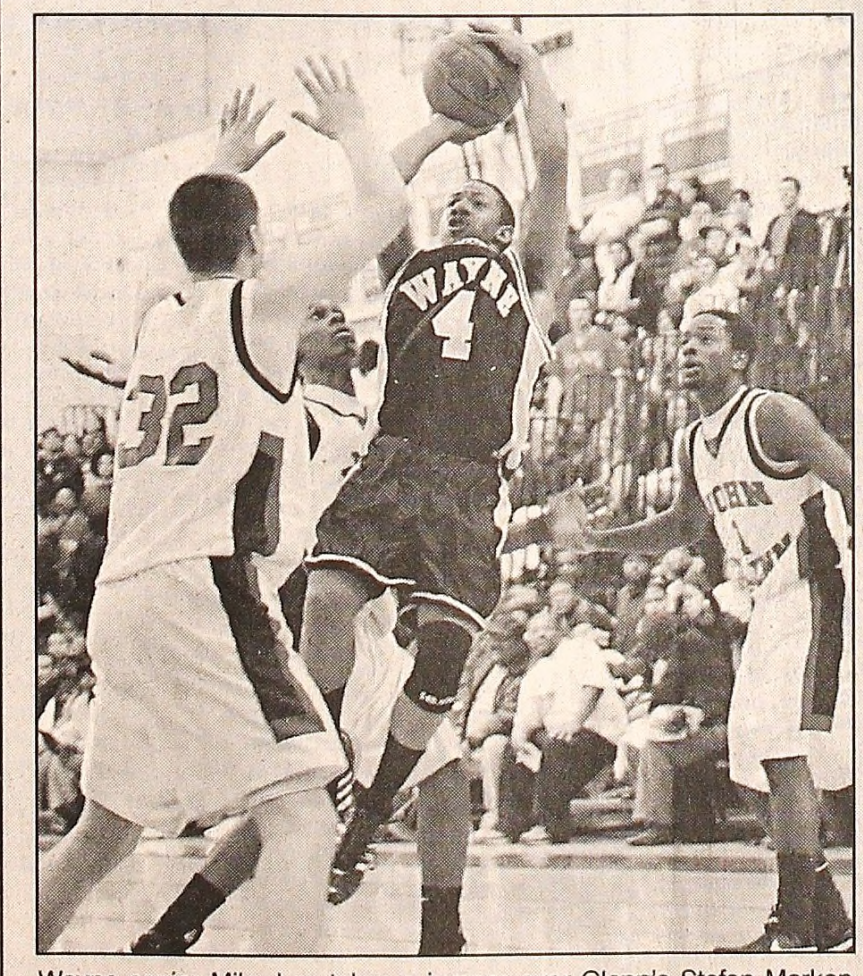
"She'll (McGowan) have a future with basketball," Carr said.

As for the future of the Lady Vikings, Carr said her team "is really young" with several freshman and sophomores with significant playing time on varsity. While disappointed with last week's loss, Carr said the season was a positive one for the sports program.

"I think we did a pretty good job this year," said Carr.



The Wayne Zebras celebrate wining the Western Lakes conference championship on Thursday at John Glenn. They beat the Rockets, 74-53. Photo by Jeff Novak



Wayne senior Mike Lee takes a jumper over Glenn's Stefan Marken during the Western Lakes championship bout between the rivals. Lee finished with 32 points and a perfect 11-of-11 from the line. That was good enough to help Wayne win the conference championship. Photo by Jeff Novak

Champs
Wayne beats Glenn, wins WLAA

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

What a great feeling!

That was the first thing Wayne Coach Wayne Woodard said to his team in the locker room after they beat rival host John Glenn, 74-53, to earn the Western Lakes Athletics Association (WLAA) conference tournament championship on Thursday.

The WLAA crown capped off a 15-win streak for the Zebras and a 12-0 conference record.

Wayne senior Mike Lee's stature isn't overwhelming—it's listed at 5-foot-10—but his shoulders were broad enough to carry and his heart strong enough to will the Zebras to victory.

> *Everything we have worked so hard for paid off right here. We deserved to win—our team deserved to win.*

He led all scorers with 32 points, including a slam-dunk late in the first quarter that seemed to send a message to Glenn:

We will not lose.

A Glenn defender fouled him on the play. Lee made the extra point that punctuated the statement with an exclamation point.

"Everything we have worked so hard for paid off right here," he said after the game. "We deserved to win—our team deserved to win.

"That changed the momentum of the game," he added about the slam-plus-one play.

That and Lee's other seven points in the first put the Zebras up, 17-16, after one.

Glenn ignored Lee's writing on the wall at first and, with shots from seniors Keshawn Martin and Earl Hardison, regained the lead, 20-17, in the second. That was the last time the Rockets seemed in control. Wayne answered with an eight-point run that gained them a 25-20 edge that led to a 30-29 half-time lead.

Wayne never looked back as the unthinkable happened—the Rockets sights were off as their explosive offense fell flat in the second half. Glenn only scored 24 second-half points to Wayne's 44.

It was a reversal of fortune of the teams' Dec. 17, 2007 match-up, where Wayne took a 38-31 lead at half and came out unable to hit shots in the second. The Rockets won that contest, 72-63.

"We felt bad after the last time we played them," Woodard said. "We didn't play—in the second half especially—our best basketball. This time it was just one of those things that when you shoot the ball and its going in and you just go with it—you get in that groove."

Everything seemed to work for the Zebras.

"We addressed not getting complacent and playing one possession at a time," Woodard added about his half-time talk. "We had a couple of different match-ups. Marken for them really hurt us last time with 28 and Hardison had 21 so we put a smaller, faster kid, Matt Lewis, on Marken to try and crowd him a little more."

Marken only had six points in the outing.

The Rockets were uncharacteristically off of their mark in the second half, but it was the Zebras' performance at the charity stripe that did the trick. Wayne was 17-of-19 from the line in the second half—and 10-of-10 in the fourth. The Zebras shot 22-of-25 for the game and Lee was a perfect 11-of-11.

Lee scored six straight points in the beginning of the fourth to put his Zebras up, 56-42. That was enough to keep the Rockets at bay.

"It hurts, but you have to give them credit," said a stunned Glenn Coach Dan Young. "We just didn't make any shots and they

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Perfect
Eagles beat Tigers, go 12-0

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

There aren't too many teams that are labeled perfect.

Not since 2003 had any team gone undefeated in the tough Mega Red conference until the Romulus Eagles beat Belleville and Ypsilanti and laid claim to 12-0 Red season.

Bellville was the last team to do it.

The Tigers tried everything they could to prevent the Eagles from perfection but the second bout between Romulus and host Belleville last Tuesday wasn't the typical knock-down, drag'em-down rivalry grudge match of past years. The game was slower paced and lacked intensity.

Romulus looked sluggish at the start but the Eagles finished strong for a 61-48 victory, keeping their hopes of a perfect conference season alive.

Belleville kept pace with the Mega Red champs—but only for the first 26 minutes.

Tiger junior forward Nate Hand scored at the 6:33 mark of the fourth quarter to keep Belleville within two, 49-47. But that was the only bucket the Tigers scored in the final frame. Romulus went on a 12-0 run while holding Belleville's potentially dangerous offense quiet. Belleville senior guard Edwin Hargrave split a pair from the line in the final seconds to give the Tigers their only other point of the fourth.

"We played with them shot for shot, possession for possession, but in the last few minutes we lost our composure a little bit," said Belleville Coach Don Hickman. "I think that is the difference between them and us. Right now, I don't think we are capable of playing 32 minutes of basketball. They're a championship team—they put together 32 minutes. I think we played 25-26 minutes of good basketball."

Before that it was anyone's game.

There were 17 lead changes in the contest. Romulus took the last lead at the end of the third quarter when junior guard Valdez Green knocked down a triple for to give the Eagles a 47-45 lead. Green also hit a triple with 3:28 left in the quarter to knot the game at 41.

Romulus pulled away in the final quarter to get one step closer to that goal.

"Valdez Green's threes were huge," said Romulus Coach Nate Oats. "That tied the game and shifted the momentum our way. I thought that was the turning point of the game. We were struggling offensively and I thought that Belleville did a great job defensively keeping us out of the paint. They only scored three in the fourth, so I think that we closed it out both defensively and offensively."

After turning over the ball off of bad passes throughout the first half, the Eagles had nearly flawless ball movement in the second half. Senior guard Dominique Buckley made key plays in the third, passing the ball under the rim or dishing it outside. He only scored two points in the third but assisted on four others.

Buckley led the team with 17 points. Senior forward Martell Anderson added 13.

Hickman tried what he could to stop Romulus's runs.

"They are a streaky team and they can shoot the basketball," he said. "I tried to use my timeouts tonight to stop their runs. They would hit a shot or two and, bam, I would call a timeout to try and stop it as quickly as I could. Basketball is a game of runs. I knew that they would have some and I think we had some streak ourselves but unfortunately they finished with the last big streak and we didn't have another one in our tank."

Junior guard Ricky Love scored 13 for Belleville. Junior forward Kourea Hayes added 12 and junior guard Booker Stoudmire put in 10.

Romulus beat visiting Ypsilanti, 57-32, on Thursday to finish out the regular season and to perfect their conference play.

"That was a goal of ours," Oats said of the 12-0 season. "It's been five years since anyone has done it—that's how tough our league is."

Senior guard LaRon Rodgers and Anderson led the Eagles with 13 each against Ypsilanti.

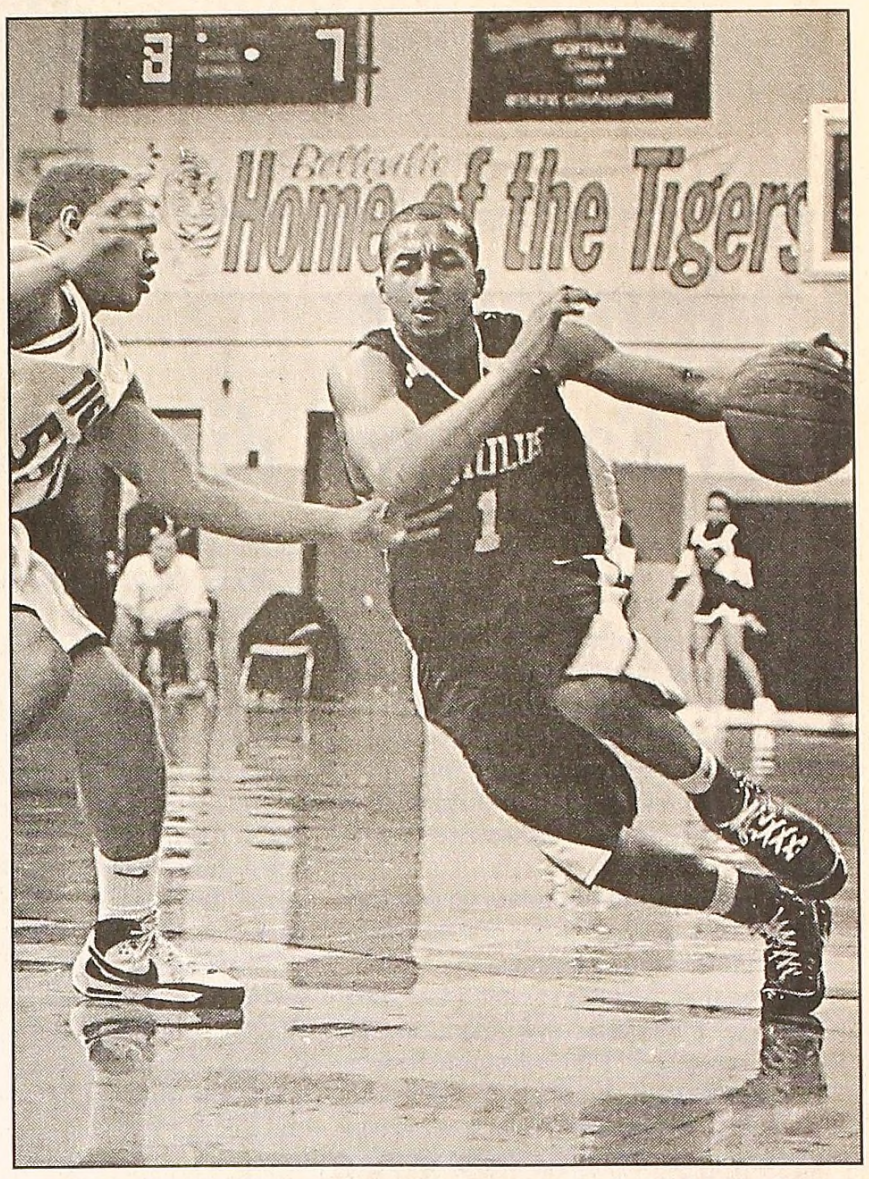
Romulus and Belleville opened district play this week.

Romulus drew a bye in the first round, but play Belleville, (beat Ypsilanti, 62-43, on Monday) on Wednesday in the semi final. The results were unavailable at press time.

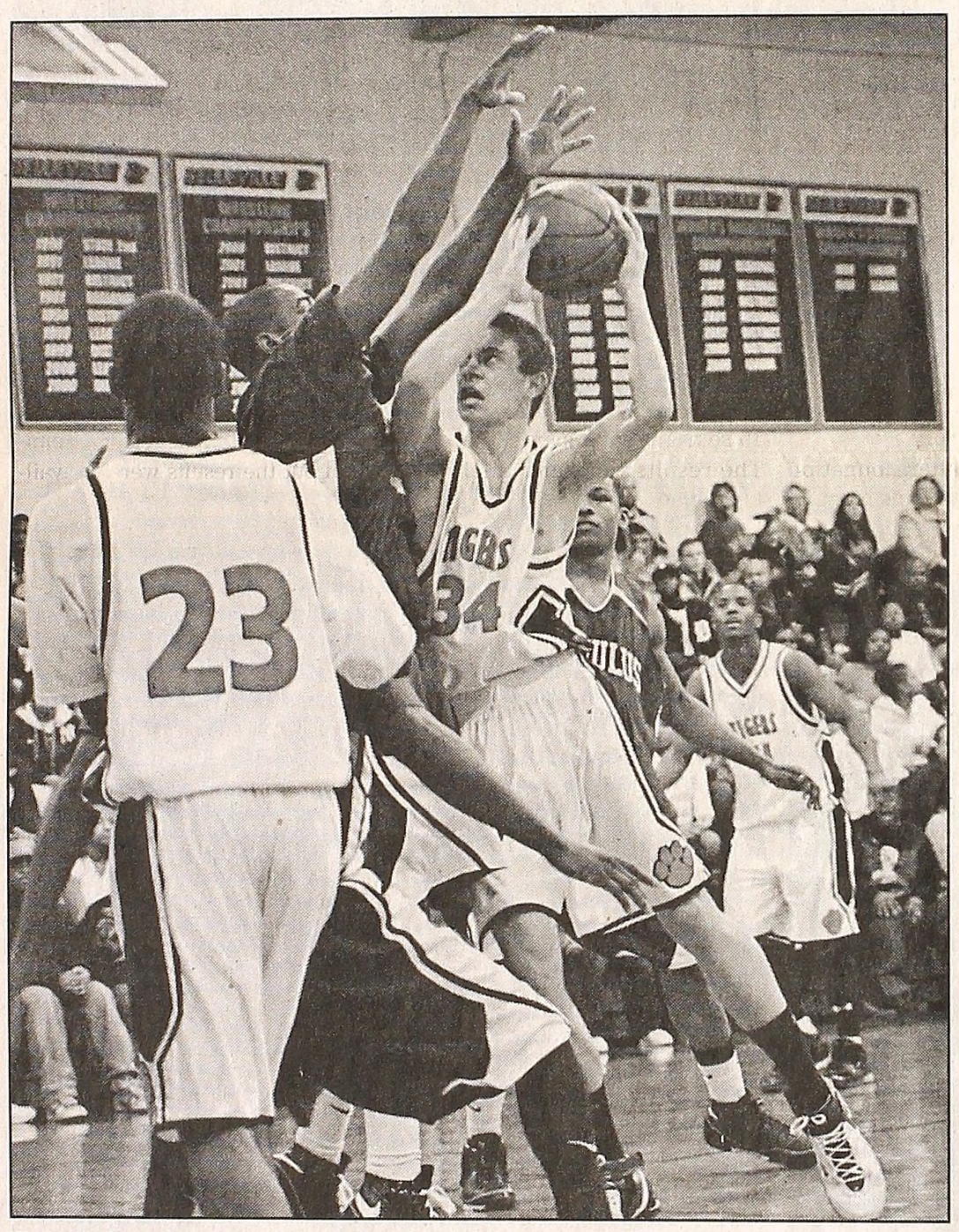
The championship game is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 29 at Wayne.

Belleville beats Monroe

The Tigers finished out the season and truncated a three-game losing streak when they beat visiting Monroe, 47-27, on Thursday. Senior guard Kyle Gupton led the Tigers with 11.



Romulus senior guard Dominique Buckley drives to the basket against Belleville's Alantae Phelan last Tuesday. Romulus won that game and beat Ypsilanti on Thursday for a perfect 12-0 Mega Red record.
Photo by Jeff Novak



Belleville junior Nate Hand slams into a wall of Romulus defenders in last Tuesday's loss.
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
BID INSTRUCTIONS FOR GRASS CUTTING AND RELATED SERVICES

The Charter Township of Van Buren will be accepting sealed bids for grass cutting and related services. Bids must be sealed in an envelope marked "GRASS BID" and submitted to the office of the Township Clerk, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111. Bids will be accepted until 3:00 p.m. EST Tuesday, March 11 2008. Bids will be publicly opened at 3:00 p.m. on March 11, 2008. There will be a mandatory pre-bid meeting, tour and question/answer session on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

Specifications may be obtained from the Clerk's Office during normal business hours. Bids will be accepted only on provided forms.

The Charter Township of Van Buren reserves the right to waive any discrepancies or irregularities in the bid. The Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and is not required to accept the low bid.

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THE ROMULUS HOUSING COMMISSION
REQUEST FOR HOUSING OCCUPANCY APPLICATIONS

The Romulus Housing Commission, 34200 Beverly Road, Romulus, Michigan is now accepting requests for public housing occupancy applications to replenish its waiting list.

Applications are available for 1-3 bedroom dwellings, including 4 and 5 bedroom single family homes. Regular business hours are Mondays through Fridays from 9:00 a.m, to 5:00 p.m.

For more information, please call (734) 729-5389.

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ROMULUS HOUSING COMMISSION
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Romulus Housing Commission will receive sealed bids at their office, until 4:00 p.m. local time, on the 13th. day of March, 2008, at which time they will publicly open and read aloud. The scope of work includes, but is not limited to: Removal, replacement and painting of entry doors and screen doors, door frames, door trim, and the painting of same dwelling unit interiors. Bid documents are desired for total construction of the work. Specifications and drawings can be obtained at the offices of James Childs Architects, 929 Lincolnway East, South Bend, Indiana starting at 12:00 p.m. on February 11, 2008. Telephone number (574) 288-2052.

The architect will be available to accompany bidders starting at 2:00 p.m. local time, on February 28, at the office of Romulus Housing Commission, 34200 Beverly Road, Romulus, Michigan. Interested parties should call the business office of James Childs Architects at (574) 288-2052 to confirm attendance.

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BOARD OF REVIEW - CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
FOR 2008 ASSESSMENTS

NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

The **BOARD OF REVIEW** of the Charter Township of Van Buren will meet at the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, on the following dates:

March 4, Tuesday
10:00 a.m. to 12 noon
(Organizational Meeting)

March 10, Monday
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

March 12, Wednesday
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

March 13, Thursday
3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

To review property assessments for 2008. Taxpayers/property owners may file an appeal of assessment(s) to the Board of Review in **WRITING** without personal appearance. **Letters of appeal must be received on or before March 14, 2008.**

Those taxpayers wishing to **appeal in person must call the Township by March 13, 2008** at 734.699.8946 to set an **APPOINTMENT** to meet with the Board of Review on any of the above dates.

Joannie D. Payne, CMC
Van Buren Charter Township

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Dissed-ricts

Canton, Northville, Plymouth and Salem cagers were denied a Class A District 25 championship last week.

Host Livonia Ladywood cleaned house, ending the season for Canton, Northville and Salem.

Canton fell to the eventual district champs, 48-29, in the first round of play last Monday. Senior Baylee Hollowell (below) gave it her all in the outing and scored 11 points for the Lady Chiefs. Canton finished the season, 6-15.

Northville was the next on the check-off list for Ladywood. The Lady Mustangs (junior Chelsea Atzinger, below right) didn't have the Ladywood cure in the semifinals last Wednesday. Northville lost 47-37.

With the best record (19-2) going into district play, Salem had the best chance of toppling the Livonia powerhouse. First, the Lady Rocks beat cross-campus rival Plymouth, 42-35 (right). Marshall University-bound senior Alaya Mitchell led the Rocks with 15 in that game. Shaakira Haywood scored 13 for the Lady Wildcats.

But when it came down to it Salem couldn't get by Ladywood either. The Rocks fell, 47-32. Mitchell scored nine for Salem.

Photos by Ken Garner

Eagles

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and a lot of layups," said Glenn Coach Mike Schuette. "(Romulus) had a big run in the middle of the third quarter where they got up 17 before we got our composure. We dug ourselves a hole by not putting points on the board in the first half—and that came back to haunt us in the second half."

Holbrook finished with 11. Senior Shantinique Baker scored 11, too.

For the second straight game, Wells led the Lady Eagles. She scored 14 on Friday and knocked down 22 to knock off Ypsilanti on Wednesday. Moore finished with 10 and Brown and Williams each had 9.

Wells only played about four minutes in Monday's 58-49 overtime win against Belleville because she wasn't feeling good.

"I guess she wanted to redeem herself tonight," Harris said after the Ypsilanti game. "That's the fun part about this team. We have five or six people that can step up for us on any given night. That's good thing because it's hard for other teams to shut us down. The bad thing is I never know who it's going to be.

Romulus beat Ypsilanti, 58-48, on Wednesday in the district semifinal at Wayne Memorial.

The Lady Eagles led 24-21 at the half. The strong press earned them a 38-31 third-quarter lead and gave them as much as a 12-point advantage, 44-32, in the fourth.

It was just a matter of putting the right defense in place.

"We started the game out with our man coverage with the guards picking up and then we went to our 2-3 zone and that wasn't so hot," Harris said. "Then we went to our 2-3 trap and that wasn't so hot. So then we went with our little run-and-jump and that's the one defense that seemed to inspire them a little bit."

Romulus faced Monroe on Tuesday night in the regional semifinal but the results were unavailable at press time.

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did. We couldn't score in the second half—couldn't get anything, layups, jumpers, anything. Everything was a struggle. We gave it a good effort but the shots just didn't fall. I don't know how to explain it."

Next to Lee's 32, senior Martez Abney added 14 and junior Robert Woodson, 10.

Hardison led the Rockets with 20 and Austin Anderson had 12.

Wayne last won the conference in 2005.

Be humble in victory.

That was the other nougat of wisdom Woodard gave his team in the post-game talk.

Glenn and Wayne faced off for the third time this season on Wednesday in the Class A District 15 semifinal at Wayne Memorial. The results were unavailable at press time.

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1. Obituaries

BREWIS, Richard J., age 76, died February 19, 2008. Beloved husband of Mary Lou; loving father of Rick (Denise), Bill (Carol), Michael (Laura), Mary (Jim) Brewis Dunn, Kathy (David) Reynolds and Patrick; dear grandfather of Richard, Courtney, Mackenzie, Lindsey, Cristine, Jon, Aubrey, Austin, Emma, Nick, Alli, Mariel, Rosanna, Charlie, Robbie and Jackson; brother of Shirley (Bruce) Nelson; brother-in-law of Eugene Letourneau. Richard was a 34-year educator in the Inkster Public Schools as a science teacher, administrator and coach. Recipient of the Catholic Youth Organization Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition for over 45 years of service as a football, basketball and softball official. He was inducted into the Detroit CHSL hall of Fame for outstanding service. He was extremely active since his retirement in the CYO and as a tireless spectator for his grandchildren's sporting events at Divine Child, Brother Rice, and St. Michael of Livonia and St. Mary of Wayne. Contributions may be made to Angela Hospice in Livonia, or CYO at St. Mary Catholic Church in memory of Richard Brewis. Final arrangements were entrusted to Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Wayne, MI.

CLARKE, Dolores G. February 21, 2008 age 64 of Wayne. Beloved mother of Darren (Charlene). Loving grandmother of Ashely, Chris and Ryan. Dear sister of Armand, Bob and Florence Godin. Cremation rites were entrusted to Uht Funeral Home, Westland. Please visit and post a note of condolence at www.uhtfh.com

DAUGHENBAUGH, Edward W. February 20, 2008 age 34 of Detroit, formerly of Romulus. Beloved son of William and Shelby Daughenbaugh and the late Grace (Hartford) Daughenbaugh. Grandson of the late William and Hulbah (Amheiser) Daughenbaugh and the late Samson and Margaret (Teeples) Hartford. Dear brother of Robert (Debbie) Eves, Ronald (JoJo) Eves, Thomas Eves, Deborah (Steve) Miller, Cheryl (Brian) Gehan and the late Donald Daughenbaugh and Michael Gilbert. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Cremation rites were accorded and a Memorial Service was held Saturday, February 23, 2008 at the Uht Funeral Home, Westland, with Mr. John Wallace, Jr. officiating. Please visit and post a note of condolence at www.uhtfh.com.

JOHNSON, Bernard G. Jr., age 32, died February 1, 2008. He was born March 27, 1975. Jr. leaves to cherish the precious memories of his life, his loving and devoted mother, Diane and father Bernard Sr.; two loving children, Brittany and Bernard Johnson III; grandmother Clara Black; sisters, Kendra (John0 Wallace and LaNeika Johnson; brothers, Lavar Johnson and LeRoi Childress; uncles, Leon Childress, Walter and Wallace Childress and Jake and Wallace (Cathy) Johnson; cousins, Kevin, Tondra, Latoya, Willie Jr., Latrice and Bree. Jr. had four very special friends, Ben, Ed, Al and Low (who preceded him in death in December 2005). Services were held at Soaring Eagle Ministries with Bishop Johnnie L. Moore officiating. Interment was at Detroit Memorial park West, Redford, MI. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home, Inkster, MI.

JONES, Joseph IV, age 54, died January 31, 2008. He was born January 31 1954. Joseph leaves to cherish his memory his loving companion for over 25 years, Dorothy Foulks of Inkster, MI; four children, Joseph (Patricia) Lewis, Craig (Tamesha) Lewis, Jason Jones and Nathaniel Jones; his mother, Wanetta (Warren) Johnson of Columbia, MO; grandmother, LuFonza Walker of San Diego, CA; brothers, Terrance R. Jones of Jackson, MI, Timothy Taylor, Tony Taylor, Aaron Taylor and Omar Taylor, all of Detroit, MI; sister, Wanda (Herschel) Hammond of Columbia, MO; grandchildren, James Bryant, Leavohn Lewis and Craig Lewis II, plus a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, other relatives, a best friend, Fred Kelsey of Detroit and other friends. Services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Rev. James P. Quincy III officiating. Interment was at Knollwood Memorial Gardens, Canton, MI. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home, Inkster, MI.

LENNOX, Betty Margaret (Willis)
1-12-1922-12-20-2007
Betty leaves a loving family; her husband Dick; son, Greg; daughters, Mary and Janet and poodle Pierre. Her accomplishments were many and varied. In her senior year at Michigan State, she had a full scholarship from Pratt and Whitney Aircraft and took accelerated engineering courses. Betty worked as an engineering aide for P&W for almost a year before marrying Dick in Corpus Christi, Texas. Her son, Greg was born at the Naval Air Station Kingsville, Texas. In Flint, MI, Betty was a substitute teacher in: mechanical drawing, any math course, physics, chemistry or home economic subjects. Her daughters, Mary and Janet, and son James were born in Flint. In New Jersey, Betty worked in food preparation for photography that would be used in product packaging, magazine advertisements or menus for restaurants. Betty continued this occupation in Connecticut and later back in Michigan.
In Northville, Michigan, Betty held political offices in Northville Township and later served as Finance Director for the City of Northville. She retired after 10 years in this position. Betty was a 52-year member of P.E.O. and served in many positions in the society.
In Rio Verde, Arizona Betty was president of the Church Board and served as a member of the Rio Verde Fire Board. She will be missed by her family, friends and everyone who knew her.

MCGUE, Leo J. February 16, 2008, age 85. Beloved husband of Nancy. Dear father of Jerry (Shelly) and James. Brother of June and Joyce. Grandfather of Rachel, Jake and Brett. Leo was on the Westland Planning Commission for over 5 years, was active in Westland politics and ran for Mayor. He also worked with the Wayne Senior Center. Cremation rites were accorded. Family will receive friends on Friday, February 29, 2008 from 10 am until 11:30 am Memorial Service at the Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood, Westland, with Fr. Jack Baker officiating. Please visit and leave a note of condolence at www.uhtfh.com.

RILEY, Joseph P. February 24, 2008 age 93 of Wayne. Beloved husband of the late Mildred. Dear father of Margaret (Angelo) Barr, Kathryn (Michael) Wade, Patty (Michael) Koeller, Michael (Debra) Riley, Kevin (Marlene) Riley, and the late Colleen Riley. Brother of Elaine Sayer of W. Va. Grandfather of 13, Great grandfather of 9. Family received friends at the Uht

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Funeral Home, Westland and Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated at St. Mary Church, Wayne, with Fr. Jack Baker officiating. Burial was in Michigan Memorial Park Cemetery, Flat Rock. Memorials to Alzheimers research would be appreciated. Please visit and post a note of condolence at www.uhtfh.

SHAFER, Carol Lynn, age 62 of Wayne, MI passed away Monday, February 18th, 2008 at Three Rivers Health in Three Rivers, MI. She was born in Allegan, MI on January 24, 1946, a daughter of the late Gerald and Ina (Roblyer) Shafer. Carol graduated from Allegan High School in 1964. Following school she went to work for Northwest Airlines where she remained for 42 years, most recently as cargo supervisor in Wayne, MI. Surviving are her sisters Linda (Chuck) Colley of Constantine, MI, Mary (Brad) Adams of Kalamazoo, MI, brother Ron (Jo) Shafer, sister in law Teri Shafer, Knoxville, TN, nephews and nieces Chris Colley and Michele Anderson of Constantine, Jeff Shafer, Kalamazoo, Lori Shafer, Chris Shafer and Jennifer Shafer of Florida, grand niece Amber Anderson of Constantine, friends John and Robin Weaver, Wayne, MI and many friends and fellow employees at Northwest Airlines. She was preceded in death by her parents, and brothers Jim and Jerry Shafer. Cremation has taken place. There will be no public services. Memorial contributions may be made to your local humane society. Arrangements are being handled by the Eley Funeral Home in Constantine.

WILLIS, Versie Lee, age 78, died February 4, 2008. She was born August 10, 1929. Versie shall eternally live in the hearts and memories of her loving children, Pat (Melvin) Vesey, Calvin Jr. (Rhonda), Alesia, Melvin, Theresa, Curtis, Debora (Reginald) Holland, Darryl (Clara) and Bettina (Damon) Fueri, and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, relatives and friends. Services were held at Penn Funeral home with Minister Karen Donald officiating. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home, Inkster, MI.

30. Help Wanted

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40. Business Opportunity

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59. Auctions

DEARBORN HEIGHTS POLICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned and will be sold at public auction on March 5, 2008 at 1:00 PM at: Dalton Towing, 27218 Currier, Dearborn Heights, MI 48125 (313-299-9727):

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1997 Dodge SW
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1994 Chevrolet SW
1GNDT13WXR2160166
2000 Chevrolet 4D
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1993 Chevrolet 2D
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1993 Chevrolet 4D
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1995 Chrysler 2D
4C3AU42N2SE192720

Note: The bidding will start at the towing and storage charges.
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The Scene

Be Kind Rewind

Reviewed By
Jennifer Busch
Staff Writer

It would be more kind to rewind this entire film

It's official. Hollywood is out of ideas.

In Michel Gondry's hit or miss comedy *Be Kind Rewind*, Mike (played by Mos Def) and his conspiracy-hungry friend Jerry (Jack Black) come up with an ingenious way to remake the VHS tapes that they accidentally erased, only to find themselves at the center of a neighborhood revolution.

Although the film begins with good intentions, the utter lack of comic chemistry between Def and Black—and the heavy overtures of urban blight moralizing—eventually sink this well-meaning vehicle.

The film begins with Mike, who works in a video store slated for demolition. Mr. Fletcher (Danny Glover), who owns the store, goes on a fact-finding mission to find out how to bring his small-time VHS shop up to speed, and leaves Mike in charge for the week.

Unfortunately, Mike's best friend, Jerry, becomes convinced that the electric company is corrupting his mind and attempts to sabotage the factory, only to wind up electrocuted and accidentally magnetized in the process.

The next time Jerry visits the Be Kind Rewind video store, he inadvertently erases every tape. Mike, terrified of confessing the catastrophe to his boss, comes up with an idea to simply reshoot the movies and pass them off as Swedish versions of the originals. Surprisingly, the neighborhood embraces the short, creative new remakes and the two men find themselves in the center of an artistic revolution.

This film had all the makings of a brilliant spoof. The premise of two guys remaking all the modern classics—*Ghostbusters*, *Jaws*, *Men in Black*—as quickly and cheaply as possible is filled with promise. Unfortunately, Gondry wasn't just looking to make a spoof, he was making a comment on spoofs, an altogether less funny undertaking.

Underneath all the frantic physical comedy and buddy antics there is a lot of grim moralizing going on, ideas about the dangers of commercialization, urban blight and the nature of art itself. These poorly translated ideas tended to blunt the comedic flow of the film, and wind up leaving the audience confused instead of entertained.

As a comedic duo Jack Black and Mos Def are less then stellar as well, with Def's friendly malaise only serving to turn Black into a wild-eyed weirdo, his usual likeability taking on creepy overtones. Frankly, I believe this persona may be losing a bit of its comic edge as well. After 10 years how funny can crazed over-enunciation be?

There are also some strange inconsistencies in the film, too—little things that the audience might have let go if the film had been funnier. Why, for instance, does this one video store still manage to pull in a regular crowd of renters, although they never converted to DVD along with the rest of the country 10 years ago? Why does the neighborhood accept these radically unprofessional films so unilaterally? Don't they have access to U-Tube? Is this the town that technology forgot?

Still the spoofs themselves are funny, and the scenes where Mike and Jerry are directing are some of the funniest in the film. I found myself longing for the days when a good spoof was just that and nothing more.

This film seems to be the director's answer to the U-Tube phenomenon, suggesting that people aren't as interested in artistic quality as long as they are part on the process itself. Although the idea has some validity in popular culture, it doesn't make for easy viewing.

In the end the heavy handed moralizing just feels forced, as if Gondry was attempting to inject soul into a half-baked project, and wound up taking the comedy down with it.

At some point artistic commentary just becomes flagrant, pointless cannibalism. In some genres it's perfectly acceptable to check the philosophy at the door.

Just married

Denise Jones and Gary Roman are wed

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Roman

Gary Wayne Roman and Denise Mary Jones were married Dec. 20, 2007 at their home in Iron River.

The bride is the daughter of Foster and Donna Jones of Milan.

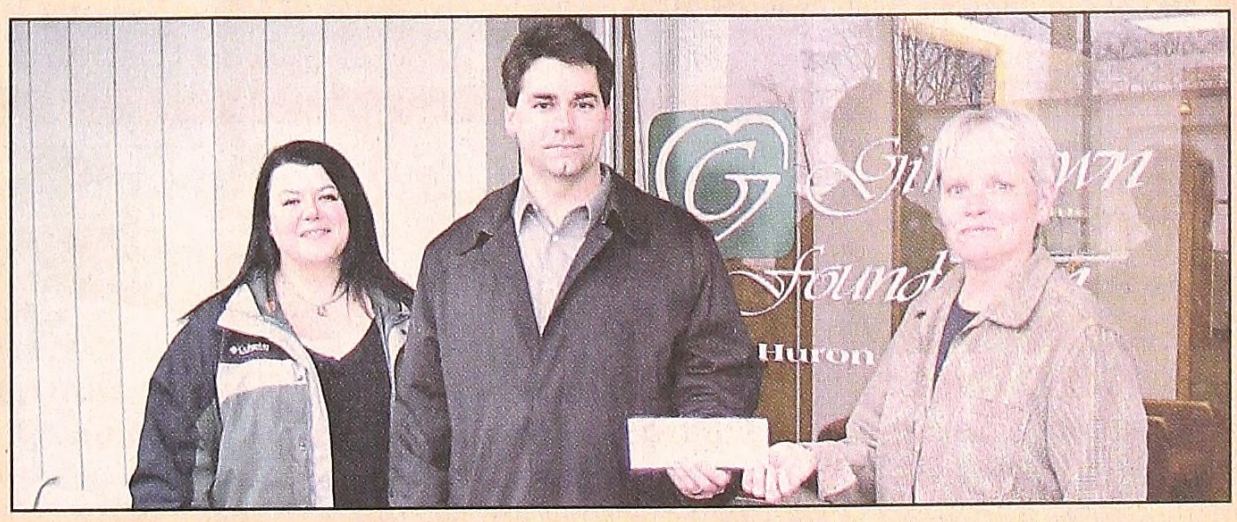
The groom is the son of Gary Wayne Roman Sr. of Belleville and Denise Stapleton of Iron River.

Witnesses at the afternoon ceremony included Glen Barth of Phelps, WS and the mother of the groom, Denise Stapleton. Also in attendance was Cassandra Aisha Roman, the daughter of the couple.

The bride is employed at Subway and Bigari Ace Hardware in Iron River.

The groom is an employee at Nicolet Sign and Design, also in Iron River.

Both are graduates of Lincoln High School in Ypsilanti.



Cold cash, warm hearts

The Belleville Lake Water Ski Club (pictured is treasurer Bob Kerwin) presented checks of $816 to both Marie Lessnau and Sue Pulju of the Girlstown Foundation and Donna Collins and Pat Taylor of the Belleville Area Food Closet. The ski club scheduled their annual Polar Bear Water Ski charity fundraiser for Dec. 1, however, the lake had iced over and was unsafe for water skiing. On the makeup date, a week later, there was still ice so the event was cancelled. Sponsors were still willing to have the club distribute their donations to the designated charities, officials said.

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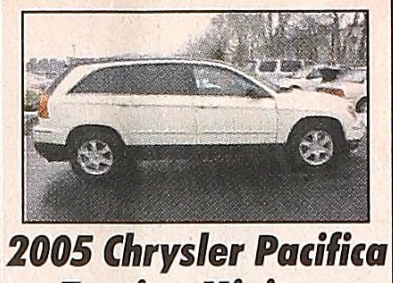

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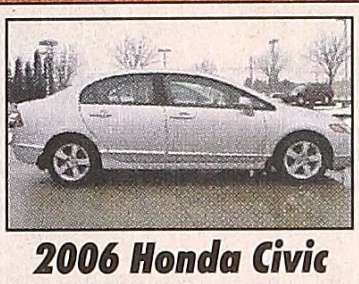

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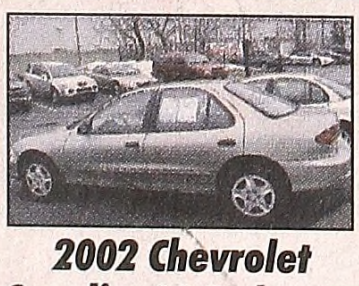

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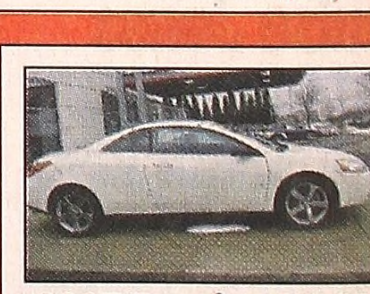

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